

Requirements of Junior Competitive Membership and Ontario Winter Games Eligibility

Rational

To ensure that any closed competition within GBDBA is restricted to “**True GBDBA Players**”. **True GBDBA Players** are defined as players that are trained and developed by GBDBA clubs or programs.

The objective of this policy is to guarantee that players who participate in the GBDBA Championships are **True GBDBA Players** and only **True GBDBA Players** form our Ontario Winter Games (OWG) Team.

Notes to Following:

- The eligibility is broken down into two components, Junior Championships and OWG.
- Qualifying for OWG means: qualifying to attend try outs, it does not mean a spot on the team.
- Qualifying for Championships means: having the privilege to participate in the GBDBA Championship tournament provided that entry requirements are met.
- “**Qualifies**” as used below includes OWG or GBDBA Championships unless otherwise indicated.
- “**BON**” refers to Badminton Ontario; their rules and regulations where recommended form part of the GBDBA’s policy.
- Any questions or concerns should be immediately brought to the attention of the Junior Coordinator.

Section One: GBDBA Junior Championships

This policy is to be read and implemented in its entirety

Requirements

1. Residency

- 1.1.** Living within GBDBA boundaries and training at a GBDBA club (either adult or junior).
- 1.2.** Living within GBDBA boundaries and training outside GBDBA. The player will qualify **IF** the player pays the \$100 participation fee (paid annually).
- 1.3.** Should a player live within the GBDBA boundaries and **DOES NOT** train at any badminton club. The player may attend any junior tournaments provided the annual participation and entry fees are paid, and reasoning for this situation is acceptable.

2. Competition

- 2.1** In order to qualify to play in our Junior Championships, a player must attend **one** GBDBA junior tournament over the course of the season. Typically the season starts in October and ends in March of the following year, championships follow in April.
- 2.2** Players must adhere to the age requirements as determined by BON. Players are recommended to play within their age groups unless their abilities exceed that grouping. If so, a player may play up an age level. A player may play down an age level if there ability and experience warrants such based on the coaches recommendation.
- 2.3** In order to participate in the championships, the player must **COMPLETE** one tournament. A player that leaves a tournament for any reason before its completion will be considered as not

in attendance regardless of games completed. A player is free to leave the tournament once the draw desk has determined that there are no further games to be played in their age group and level (A,B,C or D). This only applies to the scheduled main tournament. For example, in a doubles/shortened singles tournament a player must complete the main event (doubles) and is free to leave after that.

3. Training

- 3.1.** Training must be active: Active means the player is participating in a recognized training program either at a GBDBA club (adult or junior) or outside the GBDBA.
- 3.2.** Training must be current: Current means that the program is concurrent with the badminton season.
- 3.3.** Should a player not be active or current and still wants to play in the Junior Circuit, then a case must be made to the Junior Coordinator before play will be considered.

4. College/University

- 4.1.** Age restrictions aside, should a player attend post-secondary school and want to play in the district tournaments or championships, they may do so.
- 4.2.** Must have a current membership with a GBDBA club or pay a \$100 participation fee to GBDBA.

5. Residency in GBDBA

- 5.1.** A “New Resident” is someone who has recently moved within the GBDBA district on a permanent year round basis (i.e. not a seasonal address).
- 5.2.** A player qualifies for the Championships provided they meet the requirements outlined in paragraphs 1 and 2 immediately on becoming aware of these requirements. The player must compete in one tournament. A player that moves to the district after the regular season tournaments are complete will **NOT** be able to attend the championships for that season.

6. Sponsorship

- 6.1.** A player may be sponsored if the player cannot afford all or part of the membership fee. The player qualifies **IF** they meet requirements of paragraph 1 and 2.
- 6.2.** A player who is provided a membership for any reason without training at that GBDBA club **does not** qualify for Championship play.

7. Appeal Process

- 7.1.** There is no appeal process for the Junior Championships. The rules are clear, a player must play one Junior Tournament over the course of a season, and comply with residency and training requirements. Failure to do so disqualifies that player from attending junior tournaments and therefore excludes them from the championships.

Section Two: GBDBA Ontario Winter Games Eligibility
This policy is to be read and implemented in its entirety

1. Residency

- 1.1.** Living within GBDBA boundaries and training at a GBDBA club.
- 1.2.** Living within GBDBA boundaries and training outside GBDBA. The player will qualify **IF** the player pays the \$100 participation fee and participates in a minimum of **ONE** GBDBA tournament during the season of OWG and one tournament in the season prior to OWG.
- 1.3.** Should a player live within the GBDBA boundaries and **DOES NOT** train at any badminton club, the player **DOES NOT** qualify for OWG.

2. Competition

- 2.1.** In order to qualify to try out for the OWG team, a player must attend **two** GBDBA tournaments. One in the season prior to the OWG, and one in the season of the OWG. For example, in order to tryout for the 2020 Winter Games, a Player must compete in one GBDBA tournament during the 2018-19 season and one in the 2019-20 season.
- 2.2.** The above rule does not apply should clause 5.1 and 5.2 be met.

3. Training

- 3.1.** Training must be active: Active means the player is participating in a recognized training program (inside or outside of the GBDBA).
- 3.2.** Training must be current: Current means that the program is concurrent with the badminton season.
- 3.3.** For OWG games the “active and current” training rules apply to the **season prior** to the OWG as well as the **season of** the OWG.
- 3.4.** Training at a GBDBA club qualifies the player no matter what the residency of the player is unless the rule 5.3 applies in which case it supersedes all other rules.

4. College/University

- 4.1.** In order to qualify, the player must have participated in the GBDBA circuit the year prior to departing for College/University and must meet the above requirements.
- 4.2.** Must have a current membership with a GBDBA club or pay a \$100 entitlement fee to the GBDBA.

5. Residency in GBDBA

- 5.1.** A “New Resident” is someone who has recently moved within the GBDBA district on a permanent year-round basis (i.e. not a seasonal address).
- 5.2.** A player qualifies for OWG provided they meet the requirements outlined in paragraph 1 and 2 immediately on becoming aware of these requirements. They may also qualify if clause 3.3 does not apply.
- 5.3.** A player may try out in the GBDBA district, providing they did not play in the district championships of another district (COBA or NOBA for example). If a player competed in another District’s Championship, the player must try out in the district in which they competed.

5.4. A player trying out for the OWG team must provide a valid photocopy of proof of residency within the district the player is a resident of.

6. Sponsorship

6.1. A player may be sponsored if the player cannot afford the all or part of the membership fee. The player qualifies **IF** they meet requirements of paragraph 1 and 2.

6.2. A player who is provided a membership for any reason without training at that GBDBA club **does not** qualify for OWG.

7. Appeal Process

7.1. Any player or coach may submit a written appeal to the Junior Coordinator if they feel it's warranted. An appeal may be launched within the 30 day period following the date that the tryout notice is made public.

7.2. The coach or manager of the OWG team is not permitted to speak on behalf of any potential player due to a conflict of interest.

7.3. Appeals submitted after the 30 day window is closed will result in immediate denial.

7.4. Should an appeal be requested, then a Committee of Appeal will be established comprising of 3 members from different clubs within the district. The appealing club **will not** sit on the committee. The decision of the Committee of Appeal is **FINAL**. The committee is chaired by the Junior Coordinator, however, the Junior Coordinator duties only extend to providing guidance in the situation, the rules and the expectations of the Committee, and the Junior Coordinator does not have a vote.

7.5. The fee to launch an appeal is \$100.00. If your appeal is successful then the GBDBA will refund your appeal fee. If not, the fee remains with the GBDBA.

Examples – OWG qualifications

Below are a few examples of situations that could happen to help you better understand the rules.

A player competed in the district finals of another district. Does this player qualify?

This player will not qualify as per BON ruling. A player must try out for the OWG team in which they played the district championship.

Its OWG year 2020, a player competed during the 2019-20 season, but did not in the 2018-19 season. Does this player qualify?

Since this player did not compete during the 2018-19 season, this player doesn't not qualify for OWG tryouts

A player trains at a club outside the GBDBA, but lives within the GBDBA boundaries. This player has never attended a GBDBA tournament in the two seasons prior to the OWG. Does this player qualify?

The player does not qualify, as they are not a "true GBDBA player". They did not participate in any tournaments and are simply attempting to "parachute" into our district.

A player moves into the region during the 2018-19 season and continues to train at an outside club. The player is aware of the GBDBA. In the 2019-20 they join a local club and start training. Does this player qualify?

Since this player didn't make an effort to join a local club to train upon becoming aware of the GBDBA, this player does not qualify.

A player trains outside the GBDBA, but lives within the boundaries and has played in tournaments during the previous 3 years. Does this player qualify?

Since this player meets the requirements, they can tryout.

A player lives within the GBDBA boundaries but trains at an outside club. The player competed in tournaments during the previous two seasons, but competed in districts championships outside the GBDBA. Does this player qualify?

Since the player competed at Championships outside the district, they do not qualify.

A player competed in two district championships (ex. COBA and GBDBA), does this player qualify for OWG assuming that other qualifications are met?

The player has the option of which district to try out in, BUT, can only try out in one district.

A player competes in a tournament in the season prior to the OWG, it's the only tournament this player attends. The player played 2 of 3 games then left due to illness. During the season of the OWG, the player attends 2 tournaments. Does this player qualify?

Since the player didn't fulfil the requirements of attending during the 2 seasons, this player does not qualify. Since there are 4 regularly scheduled tournaments during a season, the player had the opportunity to attend other tournaments.